



## REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON STATISTICS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

11-13 January 2011

Muscat, Oman

Draft programme

### First day: Tuesday 11 January 2011

08:30 - **Registration**

9:00 – 09:15 **Opening Ceremony**

- Representative of the Omani Ministry of National Economy
- Representative of ESCWA

09:15 – 09:30 Break

### **9:30 – 13:00 Introductory Session: Concepts and international recommendations**

9:30 – 11:00

- **Services in the economy, global trade flows**
- **GATS and modes of supply, Measuring international trade in services conceptual framework**  
*The Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services 2010*

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00

- **Balance of Payments Trade in Services: International recommendations**

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

### **14:00 – 16:00 Trade classifications and compiling trade in services statistics**

- **Trade classifications of negotiators and statisticians (first part): W/120, CPC Version 2.0, BPM6, EBOPS and revisions thereof**
- **Compiling Balance of Payments Trade in Services**  
*Available international compilation guidance for trade in services statistics between residents and non residents (BOP Compilers Manual), EU/OECD methodology questionnaire and results, national compilation examples*

- **Overview of existing statistical systems in the ESCWA region for measuring international trade in services**

**Second day: Wednesday 12 January 2011**

**8:30 – 12:45 Implementation issues and foreign affiliates' statistics (FATS)**

8:30 – 10:00

- **Summary session on balance of payments trade in services statistics**  
*Any remaining questions*
- **First break out session: Balance of Payments Trade in Services**  
*Brainstorm in 4 small groups (2 GCC and 2 other ESCWA/MENA) on the difficulties in economies of the region to collect, compile and use balance of payments statistics on trade in services and discuss suggestions for improving the compilation and reporting system according to the international recommendations*

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 – 12:45

- **Foreign Affiliates Statistics (FATS): International recommendations**  
*Speakers: Representatives of WTO*
- **Compiling FATS**  
*Available compilation guidance for FATS (EU FATS regulation and recommendations manual, OECD Handbook on Economic Globalisation Indicators), national compilation examples*

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch break

**13:45 – 15:45 Continue foreign affiliates' statistics and trade classifications**

- **Overview of existing information systems in ESCWA economies for existing and foreseen compilation of FATS**
- **Trade classifications of negotiators and statisticians (second part): ICFA/ISIC and links with EBOPS, other classifications**

- **Second break out session: FATS**  
*Brainstorm in 4 small groups (2 GCC and 2 other ESCWA/MENA economies) on the difficulties in economies of the region to collect and compile FATS (as well as FDI) and discuss suggestions for improving the compilation and reporting system according to the international recommendations*

**Third day: Thursday 13 January 2011**

**8:30 – 12:45 Summary and group discussions, supply modes and tools of analysis**

8:30 – 10:30

- **Summary session on the first two days (FATS and BOP)**  
*Mainly summarize the second day and any remaining questions*
- **Statistics on the international supply of services by mode, with a special focus on mode 4**

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:45

- **Third break out session: modes of supply**  
*How to deal with statistics on modes of supply? Brainstorm in 4 small groups (2 GCC and 2 other ESCWA/MENA economies)*
- **Presentations by each group and general discussion to establish a roadmap for the future**

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch break

**13:45 – 15:30 Analysis tools and conclusion of the workshop**

- **Continue group presentations and general discussion to establish a roadmap for the future**
- **Major statistical tools to analyze trade in services**  
*International databases: IMF, OECD, Eurostat, UNSD and WTO, on-line analytical material etc.*
- **Concluding session:** Workshop's recommendations to be formally taken up with stakeholders for implementation to enable economies of the region to collect BOP services trade, FATS and modes of supply statistics in accordance with international guidelines.